

LARGE BUILDING WAS BLOWN DOWN

Three-Story Brick Factory in Manchester Demolished by Wind-Storm.

A wind- and rain-storm of almost cyclonic severity and suddenness swooped down upon Richmond, Manchester and vicinity yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, creating consternation among pedestrians and doing considerable damage in various localities. Fortunately no fatalities or serious accidents occurred, but there were several thrilling escapes.

The most striking demonstration of the fury of the cyclone for such it was, was the demolition of the partially completed three and a half story brick factory at Fourth and Bainbridge Streets, Manchester, and the almost miraculous escape of a small child, who was caught in the maelstrom of debris of the collapsed structure. Fortunately the little one suffered no more serious injury than a painful injured foot and ankle, the result of being struck by falling bricks. It seems that the child, little Lynnwood Elder, five-year-old son of Mr. R. A. Elder, was playing with a number of other children near the almost completed building. When the terrific storm came up, the little one ran toward the building for shelter from the rain and wind, and just as he reached its supposed protection the building collapsed into a mass of brick and timbers. The bricks fell all around the little fellow and several struck his foot, causing a painful but not dangerous wound.

The building demolished was 150 feet in length and three and a half stories in height and 40 feet wide. It was being built by Mr. J. W. Clary, contractor, who suffers all the loss sustained. The structure was owned by Mr. Carrington, of this city.

Another manifestation of the fury of the wind in Manchester was at the plant of the Linton Coated Paper Company, at the south end of the city, where the tall stack was blown down. Fortunately no one was hurt by the down-fall.

In Terrific Blast.

In this city the streets were crowded with the home-going throng of workers down town when the terrific blast came. In an instant the air was filled with hissing, rattling dust and small missiles, and the metal signs were creaking ominously and in some cases crashing downward to the pavements at the imminent risk of serious injury to pedestrians. Hundreds blinded and bewildered by the sudden darkness and the flying sheet of dust, were forced to take refuge in stores and rushed in pell-mell. Persons in vehicles were seriously alarmed, the horses being utterly bewildered and frightened, and threatening to dash away in any direction.

MANY NOT QUALIFIED.

Thousands Have Not Yet Paid Their Poll Tax to Vote.

The statement published yesterday, and obtained from one of the official headquarters in the city that 7,500 people had qualified themselves to vote in this city by paying the poll tax, is a very positive and accurate statement a reporter for The Times-Dispatch yesterday called on the Treasurer's office for a statement from the records, and it was very courteously furnished by Deputy Treasurer Isaac Held. According to this statement, up to and including yesterday, only 6,000 persons had qualified themselves to vote by payment of the poll tax. This number is exclusive of the Union and Confederate soldiers who are not required to pay poll tax as a prerequisite to register or to vote. This number may bring the total number now qualified to vote up to 7,500. The number who have actually paid the 1904 poll tax is, however, but 5,700, or some 900 to 700 fewer than a year ago at this date.

The Treasurer desires to impress on voters that it is only necessary to prepay the 1904 tax in order to qualify for suffrage, if the applicant has paid the 1903 tax. The last day one may qualify is May 6th, not May 5th.

THE EAGLETS WIN.

Manchester Team Beaten in an Exhibition Game of Ball.

The base-ball team representing Dixie Aerie of this city, yesterday afternoon, defeated the colors of Manager Harry Tucker's Manchester Invincibles in a well played game of ball at Broad Street Park. The game was won by the Chesterfieldians in the ratio of 17 to 6 in a nine inning battle.

B'nal Brith Adjourns.

The district meeting of the B'nal Brith finished its session at the Jefferson Club yesterday afternoon and adjourned sine die. The last day was devoted to the hearing of committee reports.

Two Groves Unite.

Belvidere and Virginia Groves, Duval, which will unite, will hold an important meeting to-night at Belvidere Hall. A large attendance is desired. This will be a most interesting gathering.

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HANDS COYOTE TO PRESIDENT

Abernathy Picked Up Animal by Jaws, Offering It to Mr. Roosevelt.

(By Associated Press.)

LAWTON, OKLA., April 11.—President Roosevelt has seen John Abernathy, the well known wolf catcher, in his unique way kill a coyote. Abernathy's favorite dog captured the first wolf in the chase. Abernathy leaped from his horse and with heavily gloved hands seized the prostrate animal's jaws, lifted it in his arms and smilingly delivered it to the President, who, forty feet away, had dismounted and walked to Abernathy's side.

That the President is enjoying every hour of his recreation is evidenced by the fact that he has expressed a desire to remain in the pasture until Saturday evening, thus extending his allotted time two days.

The third hunt occurred this morning. The President himself captured a coyote in the afternoon. The President ate his first dinner in the reservation at the cow camp of Wagoner and Burdett Sunday. The party feasted on beef and beans. While the President was exercising early Sunday morning, he killed a large rattlesnake with his riding squirt.

A report from Frederick today says that arrangements have been completed for the banquet to be given at that place to-morrow night, in which the presidential party, Governor Ferguson and the Hon. Dennis Flynn will participate.

A Fort Bill officer said to-day that arrangements were being made for the reception of the President at that post, but he was not certain that the President will come.

RAISED CHECKS.

Writ of Error Granted Yesterday in Interesting Case.

Judge James Keith, of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, yesterday granted a writ of error and supersedeas in an interesting case from the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. It is that of the First National Bank vs. the Richmond Electric Company, and grows out of the raising of checks by the absconding agent of the company, whereby it lost \$2,500. The lower court gave judgment to the electric company for the amount named, with interest and costs. The case will come up for review before the higher court.

Had Excellent Meeting.

Union Council, No. 51, Royal Arcanum, held its semi-monthly meeting at Taylor's Hall last evening. A large attendance was present, and several new members were admitted to the council. After the regular business of the meeting was disposed of, the following presentation at the request of the regent, addressed the council: Mr. Hurdson Cary, of McCarthy Council, Rev. M. Ashby Jones, Rev. W. A. Cooper, Mr. P. T. Bates and Mr. Joseph B. Polkes.

Union Council is one of the most active in Richmond, and will probably present one of the best reports of any council in this State for the past year. At the meeting of the Grand Council, which will be held in this city next week.

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MADE TEDDY, JR., STAND IN CORNER

Penalty for Flirting With Pretty Girls at Stonewall Jackson Institute.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., April 11.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of President Roosevelt, was one of a party of boys who stood for thirty minutes with their faces in the corner while the rest of the company enjoyed the dance at one of the hospitable Virginia homes at Abingdon, where he has been visiting for the last week. Theodore's companions were the sons of Douglas Robinson, of New York city, and Dan Triggs, Jr., of Abingdon. This humiliation on the part of the youngsters was the penalty for flirting with school girls at the Stonewall Jackson Institute. In that city, and was imposed by Miss Kate Hunt, principal of the institution.

The girls were called before the faculty and one pleaded guilty, and said she did not resist the temptation to have a little fun, and she was confined in her room for a week. A short time after, during the progress of the above mentioned reception, Miss Hunt dropped in and asked the hostess what she was to do with the youngsters for flirting with her girls. When assured that the girls would be released from the remainder of their penalty, young Roosevelt and his companions agreed to Miss Hunt's sentence and stood with their faces in the corner for thirty minutes, while the remainder of the young folks danced.

ROBINSON CRUSOE.

Dr. Trent Lectures at College on This Wonderful Book.

Last evening Prof. Trent delighted a large audience at the college. His subject was a Realistic Story of Robinson Crusoe, the "First Classic Work of English Fiction," which was treated with a charm that left the audience in a state of rapt attention throughout.

The speaker thought that Defoe's character has been held in undeserved obloquy, and that the story published in 1719 afforded facts to show that he was.

After brief introductory remarks, the speaker turned the attention of his hearers to the story of Robinson Crusoe, a narrative which he denied was fiction. He declared that the story was a true one. It appeared in his 60th year.

Defoe had heard of the adventures of Alexander Selkirk, who was cast on the island of Fernandez, and who returned to England in 1711. It was said that he was interviewed by Defoe, and the place of the interview is still pointed out. Here the speaker gave a spirited picture of Selkirk, the sea-rover, and Defoe, through his imagination and experience, the yet unborn Robinson Crusoe.

Why didn't he write the story at once? Perhaps Rogers was ahead of him. Perhaps, like Scott's Waverley, it was begun, thrown aside and picked up again.

Like many well-known modern stories, such as David Copperfield, he with difficulty published the book received a thousand pounds reward for his superior insight.

His first story in English of adventure, became exceedingly popular, was put into serials, was translated into foreign languages, was the subject of a play, and a legacy at her death; Colonel William Byrd, of Virginia, the years after its publication, wrote naturally of the manner of Crusoe's keeping his diary.

Princes of storytellers, listened to it by their campfires by night, listened to it by sea, discussed it with Don Quixote, and Pilgrims Progress, as books which people wished had been longer.

The first part is interesting; the second and third are not equal to it. His enemies tore it to pieces in a pretty way, and the subject was dropped merely to rapidity of its writing.

A remarkable series of stories followed. It seemed that the familiar spirit which he believed attended him, cried, "write, write, write," and wrote he did, until his end. He sometimes complains that he did not write more, but he was comfortable at home. He gave his estate to his son, who proved faithless, and the subject was dropped. He was Ulysses and Lear, but real like no one.

He fulfilled Brunetiere's criterion of a real writer: "To make alive." His real alive spirit passed into his work. He was alive in his day more than any man, and Robinson Crusoe is alive for all time. Life at all times is full; Defoe got out of it than we with all our automobiles and modern conveniences. He lived every day of his seventy-two years.

The next lecture will be to-morrow evening and the subject will be "The Career of Dr. Samuel Johnson."

Want Larger Loaf of Bread.

At a meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council last night, action was taken looking to securing a larger loaf of bread for the people of Richmond. The following resolution on the subject was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the sale within the corporate limits of this city of any loaf of bread less in weight than sixteen ounces, and seek to have the same adopted by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen."

Such an ordinance has long been in force in Washington, D. C., and some other cities. The action taken is a demand for more bread for the money.

Not Their Candidate.

The Central Trades and Labor Council last night adopted a resolution declaring that Mr. John Krueser, a well known candidate for High Constable, is in no sense regarded as the candidate of organized labor by the council, and that no member of a labor organization is called upon to support Mr. Krueser as a labor candidate, and that any such support is a violation of the council's resolution.

The resolution explains this action by stating that it is not desired that the strength of organized labor shall be judged by the vote for a candidate in which labor has endorsed no one.

WYATT GRANTED FURLOUGH ASKED

Police Board Will Allow Him to Run for High Constable.

Police Officer W. H. Wyatt, Jr., has been granted a furlough without pay, on his own petition from midnight of Saturday, May 20th, until 7 A. M., June 21st, the day after the city Democratic primary. He has thus been granted tacit permission to be a candidate for high constable of this city, the purpose of the furlough being to give him time to make a canvass for votes.

This action was taken by the full board at a special meeting last night, after a brief but spirited discussion of the question. Commissioners McCarthy and Whittet alone voting in the negative. Both these gentlemen took strong ground as strict constructionists of the police regulation forbidding police officers to participate in politics.

The resolution of Mr. Myers to grant the furlough for the time stated was adopted after the defeat of Mr. McCarthy's substitute, proposing to grant the officer a furlough without specifying the time. Mr. McCarthy spoke with some vigor and spirit in support of his substitute, declaring in conclusion that "if we are going to let the police force run the board, we might as well all resign."

Before the vote was had Mr. Whittet also made a statement of his position. He said that the board, in granting the furlough for the purpose, would be setting a dangerous precedent, after having labored long and earnestly to separate the police force from politics.

Mr. Manning, of Jefferson Ward, said: "I am opposed to this thing on principle, like Mr. Whittet, but I shall vote tonight to give Mr. Wyatt this furlough. Later I propose to offer a resolution that will settle this question definitely and finally hereafter, so that it can never come up again in the board."

Mr. Duke believed the rule was not intended to forbid a man aspiring to office, but to prohibit him from canvassing for office for others or from participating in politics to the detriment of his services as an officer. He did not believe that a man's rights as a citizen were intended to be taken away by the regulation in question.

Forbid It Hereafter.

The vote was then had on the resolution of Mr. Myers, with the result as stated. The adoption of the resolution by a vote of 8 to 2.

Mayor McCarthy stated from the chair that he would be willing to prepare or unite with any member in preparing a rule applicable to future cases, and specifically forbidding a member of the force running for political office. Mr. Manning announced that it was his intention to prepare and report such a rule to the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Myers moved to take from the table the question of reopening the old Second Station. The motion was carried by a vote of 8 to 4 against.

Mayor McCarthy broke the tie and defeated the resolution.

Clerk Pollock read a letter from Chief of Police-elect Louis Werner, acknowledging the honor done him by the board, and pledging his best efforts to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and fearlessly. He asked the co-operation of the board in his work.

Mr. Reed expressed the opinion that the board contained much that was worthy of the belief, in hearing trials of policemen on charges which were in many cases trivial, and expressed the belief that the chief was competent to cope with most of these cases, and could dispose of them himself without burdening the board.

TOBACCO CASE.

United States Circuit Judge Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, arrived in the city yesterday, and at 2 o'clock opened court in the trial of the case of the City of New Jersey vs. the R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company, of this city. The court sat until 5 P. M., and adjourned until 10 P. M., when an adjournment was had until 10 A. M. to-day. The entire day was consumed in the further argument of the case.

The cause at bar is a suit in equity brought by the City of New Jersey, for an injunction restraining the Patterson Company from using any of its Lucky Strike tobacco, which it claims to be an infringement of the trademark of the Lorillard, and an injunction of their claimant in the tobacco.

The case is one of the most important in the history of the tobacco industry, and is being watched with much interest by the public.

Attorneys John Phelps and W. J. Evans, of New Jersey, and A. L. Holladay, of this city, are counsel for the complainants, while Messrs. A. W. Hester and C. H. Picking, of this city, appear for the Patterson Company. All of yesterday's session of the court was consumed in the hearing of the argument of Mr. Phelps, and he will conclude to-day.

MITCHELL BEFORE PORTLAND COURT

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, ORE., April 11.—Judge Hollinger's Court was crowded to-day when the time arrived for Senator John H. Mitchell to plead to four indictments found against him by the late Federal grand jury.

Judge Bonnet entered a plea of not guilty for the Senator in three of the cases against him.

So much for Devore. "The Power Gallons; Wear Longer" paint.

Yours truly, LINDA V. BROS.

LETTER TO F. W. DEVORE & CO.

Gentlemen—Mrs. P. McCormick, of this place, wanted her house painted lately. Her painter estimated forty-five (\$45) dollars for his paint.

He estimated on Devore Lead and Zinc, and told her that forty two (\$42) dollars worth of Devore paint would be sufficient to paint the house, and induced her to use your paint.

The painter finished on last Monday, and had enough left over to bring the paint bill down to thirty-five (\$35) dollars, as he returned six gallons of paint.

Her house is one of the largest in the town, and people who have seen it say it is also the whitest house here, being much whiter than houses painted with other white paints.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1904, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.			
Name of the company in full—EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.			
Location of home or principal office of said company—120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y.			
Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE INSURANCE.			
President—JAMES W. ALEXANDER.			
Secretary—WILLIAM ALEXANDER.			
Organized and incorporated—JULY 23, 1850.			
Commenced business—JULY 23, 1850.			
Amount of capital stock	No.	Amount.	
Number of policies and the amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year	618,000	\$1,400,018,748.00	
Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby	127,173	800,786,074.00	
Total	645,173	\$1,716,705,416.00	
Number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year	70,644	\$21,162,524.00	
Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year	604,504	\$1,495,542,892.00	
RECEIPTS.			
Amount of premiums received	\$61,147,135.27		
Amount of annuities received	1,495,051.47		
Amount of interest received	14,015,301.24		
Amount of dividends received	1,644,707.77		
Amount of all other receipts, viz.: Consideration for supplementary contracts not involving life contingencies	101,004.00		
Profit on sale or maturity of assets	364,078.10		
Total	\$79,076,695.90		
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Amount of losses paid (including additions)	\$19,040,520.35		
Amount of annuities paid	3,803,825.08		
Amount paid for surrender values annuities cash, \$6,451,841.42; applied to purchase paid up, etc., \$1,931,580.22	8,535,750.42		
Amount of dividends paid to policyholders: Cash, \$5,101,041.59; applied to purchase paid up, etc., \$850,000.00	5,951,041.59		
Amount of dividends paid to stockholders	7,000.00		
Amount paid for expenses, including taxes	14,646,157.03		
Amount of all other disbursements, viz.: Paid for claims on supplementary contracts not involving life contingencies	226,246.47		
Real estate sinking fund	600,000.00		
Total	\$51,008,051.48		
ASSETS.			
Bonds and stocks, market value	\$225,000,374.00		
Real estate, unencumbered, market value	28,853,947.44		
Loans secured by first mortgage on real estate	81,003,726.11		
Cash in banks and in trust companies at interest and company's office	22,031,090.52		
Amount of annuities policies, etc., in force Dec. 31, 1904	23,544,430.00		
Amount of dividends paid to policyholders: Cash, \$5,101,041.59; applied to purchase paid up, etc., \$850,000.00	10,950,000.00		
Interest due and accrued	5,122,417.00		
Unpaid dividends on supplementary contracts	170,600.00		
Unpaid claims not involving life contingencies	226,246.47		
Real estate sinking fund	600,000.00		
Total	\$412,438,380.94		
LIABILITIES.			
Amount of losses unpaid (unadjusted, \$2,030,015; retained, \$15,500)	\$2,065,515.00		
Amount of matured endowments unpaid	338,213.33		
Amount due for annuities	52,170.00		
Amount in force Dec. 31, 1904	327,738,338.00		
1904, on basis of 3.5% and 4% per cent. Actuarial and American experience mortality table	1,871,053.00		
Amount of other liabilities, viz.: Reserve value of annuities not yet due on supplementary contracts not involving life contingencies	971,039.48		
Unpaid dividends on supplementary contracts	512,250.18		
Capital stock, \$100,000; Surplus, \$79,176,020.31	79,276,020.31		
Total	\$412,438,380.94		
BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1904.			
Number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1903	No. 6,931	Amount \$1,741,500.00	
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1904	1,980	\$1,104,108.00	
Total	8,911	\$2,845,608.00	
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1904	1,221	\$2,893,968.00	
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1904	7,690	\$20,623,110.00	
Amount of losses and claims on policies unpaid December 31, 1904	No. 8	Amount \$15,220.00	
Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year 1904	No. 0	Amount \$27,000.00	
Total	101	\$240,810.00	
Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year 1904	No. 9	Amount \$238,000.00	
Total	2	\$210.00	
Amount of assessments, premiums, dues and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year 1904, less amounts credited without any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions or other expenses	No. 0	Amount \$700,000.00	
(Signed) WM. H. MINTYRE, Fourth Vice-President.			
(Signed) W. ALEXANDER, Secretary.			
State of New York, City of New York—ss: Sworn to February 18, 1905, before CHARLES EDGAR MILLER, Commissioner.			

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